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## RECAPTURED SLAYER TRIES TO KILL SELF

Dennis Chester, Caught After Eluding Bloodhounds Four Days, Attempts Suicide by Strangling.

Oconto, Neb., November 19.—Almost completely exhausted from hunger after four nights and three days of tramping and hiding, Dennis Chester, wanted in Kansas City for murder, meekly submitted to arrest at the hands of Deputy Sheriff Hammond and Dr. Hanson, who overtook him four miles south of here about 10 o'clock this morning. They had been searching for Chester all night after his appearance in this little town early last night when he purchased some supplies.

Chester was immediately taken to Broken Bow, where he escaped from detectives Monday night by leaping through a train window.

Broken Bow, Neb., November 19.—Dennis Chester, alleged slayer of Florence Barton, Kansas City society girl, captured today near Oconto, Neb., following his recent escape from a railroad train near here, attempted to kill himself by strangling in the County Jail here late today.

Chester tore a blanket into strips, tied one end around a bar of his cell, placed the other end around his neck and then allowed himself to fall backward, with his feet on the floor. He was found unconscious in this position by Sheriff V. O. Talbot and the latter's brother-in-law, H. F. Kennedy.

The attention of the Sheriff's wife was attracted about 5 p. m. by a noise coming from the jail, which adjains the Sheriff's living quarters.

She summoned her husband and the latter, with M. R. Kennedy, a former Sheriff, began an investigation.

## BADGER TO STAY IN JAIL

Supreme Court Upholds Judge Calvird's Action in the Contempt Proceedings.

Jefferson City, Nov. 22.—The supreme court today overruled the application of Herbert E. Badger of Bates County, for a writ of habeas corpus. Badger has been imprisoned in the Bates County jail since last August under contempt proceedings because he would not produce his three small children and turn them over to the custody of his wife.

The parents have been separated for some time, the wife living with her parents in Colorado. She has been trying for months to obtain the custody of the children, and when they were awarded to her by Judge Calvird of the Bates county circuit court they had been removed from Badger's home at Rich Hill and neither the Bates County officials nor the mother of the children so far have been able to find them. After he was committed to jail for contempt, Badger applied to the Kansas City court of appeals, and the ruling of Judge Calvird was affirmed. He then applied to the supreme court for a writ of prohibition against the circuit court and this was denied. Later he filed the habeas corpus proceeding and this, too, was denied.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, of Denver, Colorado, are spending the week in this city with his sisters, Mrs. Ada Clauch and Mrs. Kate Barber. Mr. Jones was several years ago a resident of Butler.

## Poster Flashes.

All here have been enjoying the pleasant weather for a few days. They have struck coal in the new shaft at the Price Coal Company and will soon be loading.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Shelton were Butler visitors Saturday.

Herbert McHenry, of Archie, was a visitor here Sunday.

Lewis Swarens and Miss Helen Coleman, of Butler, were visitors here Friday.

L. J. Morehouse was in Worland Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bessie Nation returned Sunday morning from a visit with friends at Archie, Mo.

Miss Pearl Scrogam spent Sunday with Miss Creola Burke.

Bud Miles has sold his car to R. R. Wirth, of the Auto Repair Shop.

Arthur Roberts left Sunday morning for Frontenac, Kansas, for a few days visit with relatives.

Clem Orear, of Halls Summit, Kans., is visiting relatives here.

Miss Lucy Burke, of New Home township had business here the latter part of the week.

The newlyweds are now keeping house alone.

While out hunting Sunday afternoon, Teed Cullison accidentally shot Charlie Williamson in the leg just above the knee. He was rushed to a doctor and later taken to his home. Upon examining the wound Dr. Rhoades found it would be necessary to amputate the limb. Dr. Delameter of Rich Hill, was called to perform the operation. The operation was performed but Charlie died soon afterward. His death was a great shock to relatives and his many friends here.

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## The Telephone Meeting.

An attempt was made at a mass meeting at the court house Tuesday night to adjust the differences and bring about co-operation between the Butler-Rich Hill Telephone company and the Farmers Mutual company, but after considerable discussion of the situation, the meeting was adjourned without a compromise having been effected. It is hoped, however, in view of certain features that were brought out in the meeting that it will be possible to reconcile the opposing factions soon.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor James T. Hull, and W. R. Morrison was elected chairman of the meeting. A. J. Erhart, owner of the Butler-Rich Hill Telephone Co., outlined the position of the company about as follows: That the company is willing to co-operate and exchange free service with the Farmers Mutual company with the following provisos: That he run and maintain two wires to his switchboard; that separate lines be run from Spruce, Virginia and the Johnstown boards direct to his switchboard; that no Butler phones be connected to the Farmers switchboard. He also added that it was his understanding that the Johnstown being a private corporation and not a mutual company, that the Public Service Commission would not permit the exchange of free service with them.

R. F. Allen, on behalf of the Farmers' Mutual stated the Farmers side of the controversy to the effect that the Farmers were willing to co-operate with Mr. Erhart in the exchange of service, but want Spruce, Virginia and Johnstown to come through the Farmers switchboard. He also stated that the Farmers would not agree

not to connect up Butler telephones with their switchboard and stated that they already had twelve Butler phones so connected.

Dr. Fletcher and J. H. Baker, of Spruce explained the attitude of the Spruce system and Mr. Baker agreed that if the controversy could be so settled that Spruce would consent to the conversion of the Erhart system's toll line into a direct connection with Spruce. It was also suggested that Virginia would be willing to run a line direct to Mr. Erhart's board.

After a lengthy discussion of the situation the meeting adjourned without taking any definite action in the situation.

## Cornland.

Rev. H. O. Moore, who is holding revival meetings at New Hope, took dinner at Henry Herman's Sunday.

Ethel Fox is seriously ill. Dr. Chastain is waiting on her.

Lawrence Turner returned from a three weeks' visit at Modesto, Ill., Saturday. He was accompanied by his chum, Ralph Sims.

Mrs. Fred Wright and son, Kenneth, and her mother, Mrs. McConnell, visited friends in the Star neighborhood Sunday.

Lucille Burch, of Virginia, spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Beth Turner.

Beth Turner is spending a few days this week visiting her brother, F. B. Turner and wife, of Summit.

Mrs. Jim Clark and little Laura Eggleson visited the school Friday.

Missouri Rural Schools Decrease 8000 in Year.

Macon, Mo., November 22.—The rural school population has been steadily decreasing in Missouri. In

1918-19 it was 914,255. In 1919-20 it was 905,911, a decrease of over 8000, according to a statement made by George W. Reavis, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Schools, who spoke to the Macon County Teachers' Association here.

Reavis said that one of the plans for meeting the problem of decreased school attendance in the rural sections is the formation of county school units for taxation for school purposes outside the town and city. This will insure a uniform length of school term and equal school opportunities; also provide for the establishment and maintenance of rural high schools.

There will be a County Board of Education in each county, and this board will have the power to mark off districts and determine the location of the high school to serve each district. This will give some of the poorer sections an equal opportunity for high-school facilities with the best.

## Error in Furniture Advertisement.

A typographical error in the advertisement of Armstrong Brothers last week made the price of the extra value they are offering in handsome William and Mary style dining suites, read \$350.00.

The price should have read \$350.00.

Gen. Jaes A. Ryan, commander of the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, has departed for Mexico to be confidential adviser to Gen. Obregon, President-elect of Mexico. Gen. Ryan was retired from the army in 1919. He was in charge of doorkeepers and ushers at the Republican national convention here last June.

# Another Mighty Blow

Has been Struck at Prices and Values

A Money-Saving Event will be the Program at our Store

## Saturday, Monday and Tuesday for Cash

ALL GOODS OFFERED ARE FIRST GRADE AND OF DEPENDABLE QUALITY

25 LONG SILK PLUSH COATS

Worth up to \$68 at  
**\$25.00**

30 LADIES AND MISSES DRESSES

Satin, Georgette, Serge and Tricotine worth up to \$27.50 at  
**\$12.50**

ALL LADIES CLOTH COATS

from \$35.00 and up  
**½ OFF REGULAR PRICE**

## LADIES AND MISSES SUITS---Our Entire Stock at ½ Price

2000 Yards Dark and Light Outings

Best quality sold up to 45c yard, at yard  
**19c**

'Hope' 'Daisy' 'Festival' Bleached Muslin

Sold up to 35c yard, not over 15 yards to a customer, at yard  
**15c**

1000 Light and Dark Percales, 36-in wide

Sold up to 40c yard, at per yard  
**19c**

1500 Yards of Plaid Dress Gingham

good quality, sold up to 40c yard, at yard  
**18c**

500 Yards Woolen Dress Goods

From 38 to 50 inches wide, colors Brown, Tan, Green, Red, Copen, Black and Plaids, sold up to \$2.50 yard, at yard  
**85c**

50 Pairs Double Cotton Blankets

good weight, 72x84 inches, worth \$4.00, at pair  
**\$2.98**

Comfort Size Stitched Cotton Batts

Weight 3 pounds, good quality, 72x90 inches, sold regularly for \$1.35 at bolt  
**85c**

Ladies Shoes

\$8.50 and \$10.00 dress and street shoes, Black, Brown, Taupe, and grey, Cuban low and French heels, all sizes at pair  
**\$7.00**

\$12.00 to \$15.00 DRESS SHOES

Black and Brown, kid, suede and glazed calf, all sizes at pair  
**\$10.00**

50 Ladies Waists

Georgette, Tub Silk and Crepe de Chine, all sizes  
Sold up to \$5.75 at  
**\$3.98**

MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS

Discount 25 per cent

\$50.00 Values at **\$37.50**

\$40.00 Values at **\$30.00**

\$30.00 Values at **\$22.50**

MEN'S RUBBERIZED AND RAIN COATS at HALF PRICE

\$20.00 Coats at **\$10.00**

\$15.00 Coats at **\$7.50**

\$10.00 Coats at **\$5.00**

MEN'S DRESS SHOES

Genuine "Goodyear" Welt Brown English at

**\$5.50**

"Herman's" Vice Blucher Goodyear Welt at

**\$6.00**

Brown Calf, straight last at

**\$7.50**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Fine Ribbed Union Suits at **\$1.98**

"Wright's" Wool Union Suits at **\$2.98**

Flannel Union Suits at **\$1.48**

Men's Norfolk Corduroy Suits at **\$13.50**

Boy's Norfolk Corduroy Suits at **\$6.50**

Men's Best Quality Corduroy Pants at **\$5.00**

20 per cent Discount on Dress Trousers

20 per cent Discount on Hats—

Stetsons included

20 per cent Discount on Boys Suits

and Overcoats

100 dozen Cotton Flannel Gloves

Extra Quality at **\$1.25 Dozen**

Men's Work Shirts—Good Make

All Sizes at **85c**

Men's Separate Garments

at **85c**

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